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HARMONIOUS.

"Gentlemen, allow me to introduce to you a stanch, true friend of mine—one who has been weighed and found not wanting."

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IT WOULD SEEM, if observation counts for anything, that there is always room at the bottom of either of the presidential tickets.

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MR. OLNEY'S presidential aspirations are more than likely to end in smoke, but not in the smoke of a cigar named after Mr. Olney.

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IN THE BRIGHT lexicon of political preferment many are called to take the tail-end of the ticket, but few choose to accept the somewhat doubtful, not to say hollow, honor.

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THERE ARE so many available men for the vice-presidential nomination who fancy that they should have the first place that they never succeed in getting a line on themselves until fate tosses them to see whether they come down head or tail.

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THE old frankfurter sausage beams
Within the burnished bun
That, crescent-shaped, serenely gleams
And sparkles in the sun.

The boy upon the bleachers sits
And munches it in glee—
His appetite it ever fits
Unto a ni-ce-tee.

And by his looks we fancy he
Sings with a heartfelt sigh,
"It's to the baseball game what the
Meringue is to the pie."

FULL soon will the aspirant wing
Amid the melancholy gloom
And shed salt tears and sadly sing
The ballad of a busted boom.

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BRYAN fondly fancies that he is the oak around which the ivy of Democracy clings and flourishes. Whether he is or is not, the fact still remains that it would be a good combination, as neither could possibly honor or dishonor the other.

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THE PICTURE of Mr. Roosevelt in the act of introducing the traditional elephant that is the figurehead of the g. o. p., of which he is a shining light, must cause a feeling of friskiness to thrill the spirit of the beholder. To all lovers of Republicanism this playful quadruped is a sacred elephant, inasmuch as he stands for everything that is good in the political creed of which Lincoln and McKinley were exponents, and which is the creed of so great a number of Americans that Mr. Roosevelt's nomination for the presidency is already an assured walkover. Every one knows that Mr. Roosevelt is fearless and independent, and that he is made of the stuff that was the winning quality of the eighteenth-century American, as exemplified by Stark and Putnam in their many perilous exploits. Unlike the average sample of presidential timber, so called, Mr. Roosevelt is not afraid to say what he thinks. He is neither a sphinx nor a counter-jumper in his ideas or in his methods, and in this respect he is the opposite of all the grizzled grannies of the Hill and Gorman type. The time of the convention draws on apace, and the president, in introducing the elephant, introduces the good-natured pachyderm that will ere many moons carry him to the victory that will make him rent free for four years to come.

WHERE THE WORK CAME IN.

INQUISITIVE CITIZEN—"I suppose your occupation is very hard on the hands?"
IRON-WORKER—"It's harder on the feet. Our union is parading most of the time when it ain't out on a strike."

THE FROG-HUNTER'S OPINION.

I HIT the frog upon the head
And stretch him on the sand,
And in an hour, be it said,
He's breaded and he's panned.

And when he steams upon the toast,
A gilt-edged, lovely thing,
I glide down fancy's golden coast
And rapturously sing,

"Oh, froggie, pungent, sweet and rare!
You round joy's race-track burst;
And while you win, I must declare
Your hind legs come in first."

DIAGNOSIS.

"WHERE is your father, Harold?" asked the caller.

"Papa has gone to the national convention," responded the child.

"And what is a national convention?" asked the caller, seeking to ascertain how much knowledge was contained in that small head.

"Mamma says a national convention is two hundred lodge-meetings, fifty sit-up-with-sick-friends, eighteen birthday dinners, twenty-five election nights, four annual banquets, and eighteen swear-off suppers rolled into one."

AT OUR SUMMER BOARDING-HOUSE.
"The outcry against abbreviated bathing-suits is all nonsense."
"I'm afraid you don't look at the question from a high standpoint."
"Indeed, I do. I watch them from the top of the bluff every morning."

TRUE.
"Do you know, Cholly, I could just die yachting."
"Yes? I feel like giving up everything for it."

IT ALWAYS IS.

"WHAT is the problem we must solve?"
We asked the statesman. We were stunned
When quickly he made this reply,
"Just how to spend the campaign fund."

A PICNIC FOR THE PUBLIC.

"I SUPPOSE you fellows will try to revive that old campaign cry of 'the full dinner-pail,'" says the Democrat who is arguing with a friend in the gallery at the convention.

"Full dinner-pail?" asks the Republican. "Why, we've made times so good in this country that the workingman carries his dinner in a big picnic-basket all the time now."

IT WILL not be denied that the vice-presidential office frequently seeks the man.

THE KIND THEY RAISED.
FRIEND—"What kind of chickens do your neighbors raise?"
SUBURBANITE (*with shotgun*)—"The kind that know enough to run when they see me coming with a gun."

JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

FLORA ZABELLE IN "THE YANKEE CONSUL."

You whirl like a leaf in the gale,
You bob like a rose on the stem,
And that's why we say,
In a general way,
That you are the sort of a gem
That knocks out your trayful, which, let us repeat,
You never will have to have grabbed on the street.

TWO COME-ONS.

"IT WAS in this hall," says the ex-Democrat as he and his companion file into the Coliseum, "that William Jennings Bryan made the speech which induced the Democrats to give him his first nomination for the presidency."

"And it was right around the corner," said the companion, an ex-populist, "and the same year, too, that a fellow of the name of 'Bull Con Bob' made a speech to me that induced me to give him twenty dollars to see the hole in the lake."

Then the twain shook hands as one.

A WILD-WEST LIMERICK.

There was a progressive young Sioux
Who bought him a camera brand nioux.
Said he, "It's all rot
To call this a snap-shot;"
So he made an improvement or tioux.

AN OLD SALT'S OBSERVATIONS.

TH' softest bed-springs in the world is a hard day's work took jest before retirin'.

I wonder what my wife would think of me if I paid a dollar ev'ry year to take a paper tellin' all about th' newest style in oil-skins, an' describin' of th' latest fashions for th' summer sou'westers?

Jim Jones has great descriptive powers. "It was so dark las' night," says he, "that Tom's black hat stood out ag'inst th' night like a pure white spot. An' fog! We sounded an' brought up mud that was a good deal thinner than th' air. Th' crew took turns a-breathin' of it for to git relief."

"I should think," the young girl said who come on board while we was takin' on a load of railroad rails, "you'd be afraid to carry sech a heavy cargo." "It ain't th' heft of loads so often as it is insurance weight that sinks th' ships," says I; an' I've been chucklin' ever since because I was so cute.

A passenger an' his wife was quarrelin' on th' ship, one day, to beat th' band. "What's th' matter?" says I, comin' up. "He says them queer-lookin' banks off there on th' horizon is th' coast," says she, "an' I tell him that they're clouds." "Humph!" says I, an' walked along. They had an awful fight about it, an' when they got ashore to New York city she took a cab to her lawyer's an' he took an elevated train to his'n. They was divorced. P. s.—The banks they scrapped about was ice-bergs. EDWARD MARSHALL.

EASY LESSON IN POLITICS.

"GOOD-EVENING, Mr. Buttin," said Gladys, rising to greet the caller. "Mr. Honey and I were just discussing politics when you arrived. We have been arguing about the difference between a majority and a plurality."

"Well," said Mr. Buttin, with a patronizing glance at Mr. Honey, "it is easily understood. A majority is a preponderance of favor between two parties, while a plurality is an excess over all."

"Ah, yes," sighed Miss Gladys. "It is just like the old saying that 'two is company and three is a crowd,' isn't it?"

And the meaning look that passed between Gladys and Mr. Honey convinced Mr. Buttin that he had been counted out.

THE MYSTERIOUS FUTURE.

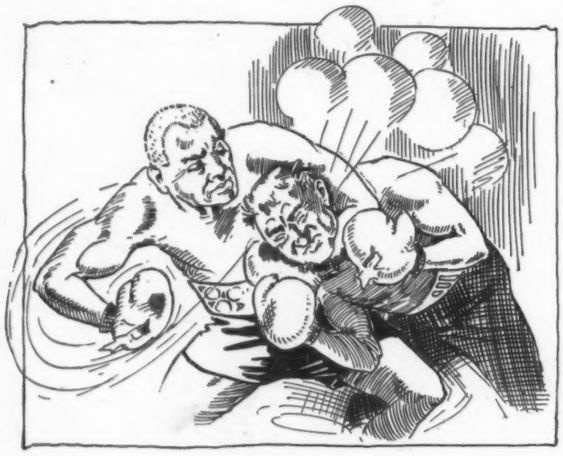
THE CANINE—"Say, Bucephalus, I am somewhat of a Theosophist. I believe that after death my next appearance on this earth may be in the form of a frankfurter."
THE EQUINE—"Same here. I'm not sure but that *I'll* be turned into a can of beef."

Ted—"When she was young she was always running after the men."

Ned—"That explains why she never caught one."

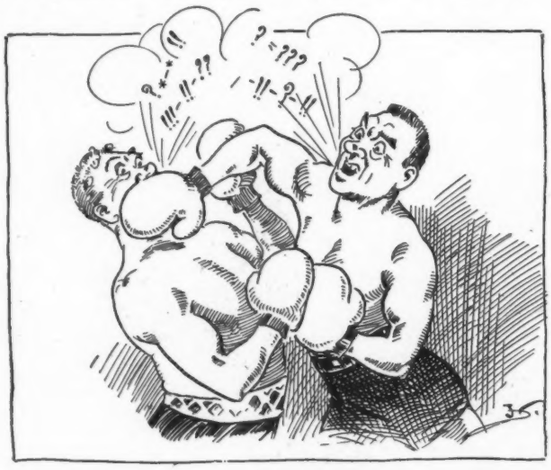
Publisher—"This is the most stupid novel I ever read."

Author—"But it will dramatize beautifully."



1. THE OLD AND——

The "chancery" of the olden times was the art of getting the opponent's head under the arm, so he could not fight.

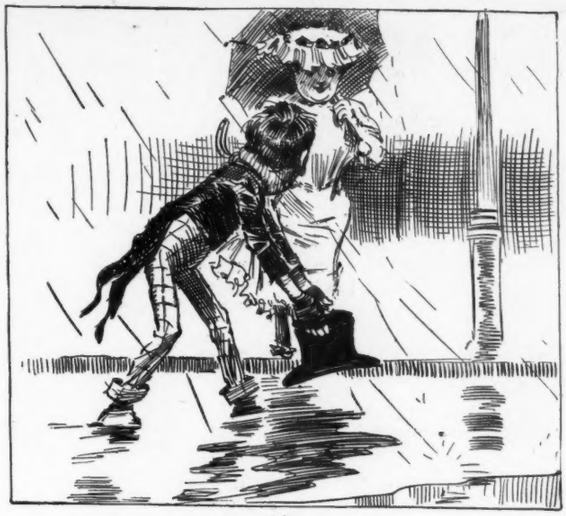


2. ——THE NEW.

But nowadays the trick is to get your glove over your opponent's mouth, so he may not be able to defeat you talking.

1.

NERVY NAT—"Rotten afternoon for Celeste to be out. The dear girl wants to cross over to the drug-store to get a chocolate flip and the nasty water is too deep. Sir Walter Raleigh belonged to one of the minor branches of our family, and I know what he would have done."



2.

NERVY NAT—"Oh, lady fair, plump and bewitching, allow me to offer you a stepping-stone to cross this turbulent stream. I shall treasure my Gibus hat, already dear to me through countless associations, still more with the memory of your pretty feet having touched the crown."

THE LADY FAIR—"I'm sure it's awfully sweet of you to say so!"

3.

THE LADY FAIR—"I'm almost afraid to bear my weight on your hat. Are you sure it won't spoil it?"

NERVY NAT—"Have not the slightest qualm, dear lady; the hat is entirely at your service."

4.

THE LADY FAIR—"Heavens! I'm sinking! Help!"

NERVY NAT—"You sha'n't drown, dear lady. A thousand pardons! I forgot the lid shut up. I wouldn't have had this happen for eighty cents!"

5.

NERVY NAT—"Say, if you don't let my scalp go I'll take back all those nice things I said about you. If that isn't just like you women—always want to drag a man into trouble after you. I'll bet my hat is about as flat a thing as you'd want to see by now."

6.

NERVY NAT—"Do you know, officer, I think Sir Walter Raleigh was a little nutty, myself. There really isn't any necessity for making so much fuss over women and coddling and waiting on them the way we Americans do"——

OFFICER—"Niver moind includin' me in 'we Amerikins': Oi'm a arficer av th' police-foorce. You kape yure discooshins fer th' judge. Yez are charged wid thryin' to drown a lady in th' fir-rst degree."

NO. 30.—NERVY NAT IS CHIVALROUS.

AFTER THE CONVENTION.

A YEAR ago they sought me out
To learn my views on this and that;
They asked me what I thought about
High tariff, also standing pat.
My silence only urged them on;
Bewilderedly to me they turned—
But all my high estate is gone
Since they've adjourned.

A month ago they said of me
(Although I firmly shook my head),
"He is a possibility,"
And paid no heed to what I said;
For I—I was so dignified
And hinted that high place I spurned.
Well, now I walk—I used to ride—
Since they've adjourned.

A week ago 'most all the bands
Were playing in my neighborhood,
And I was always shaking hands
And telling folks they were too good.
I can't begin to tell you how
The rockets whizzed and bonfires burned;
But all is mighty silent now,
Since they've adjourned.

A dark horse I—and that was all.
Most cautiously I had been groomed
And carefully kept in my stall
And by an "undercurrent" boomed.
Oh, well, it's over. As for me,
One solid lesson I have learned—
I'm not a possibility
Since they've adjourned.

W. D. NESBIT.

A CONVERSATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

"AND what do you think about the silent vote in your state?" asks the campaign manager, of the man from Kansas.

"Silent vote?" asks the Kansan. "Mebbe you don't know it, but we haven't had a silent vote in our state since we gave the women the right of suffrage."

BY THE SAD SEA WAVES.

ELIZA (*on their wedding-tour*)—"Oh, look at that there queer dog, Hi!"
HI—"By gol, 'Liza! we're in luck. That's one o' them there ocean greyhounds that I've heerd tell on. We'll jest lay around here a spell an' see "f he'll swim. I've heerd tell they kin go a mile a minute, b'gosh!"

THIS WILL HAPPEN.

COME, my child; let us hie ourselves to the convention.

See yonder man, who has the inquiring expression on his face and the bewildered look in his eyes.

Observe how he is asking those about him all about what is being done and why it is being done.

Do you know who this man is?

Neither do we; but we know this about him:

He is the man who explained so completely to his wife last night the intricate workings of the national conventions.

Would it not be fine if all married men were as smart as they try to make their wives think they are?

NOTABLE.

SUDDENLY the bands in the great convention-hall struck up a ringing air, which was echoed by the bands stationed on the streets in the neighborhood. The great doors of the hall were thrown open and, preceded by a guard of honor and two or three bands, and followed by another guard of honor and four or five bands, a small man, trying hard not to wear a self-conscious look, was escorted to the rostrum. After the cheering had subsided the chairman rose and said,

"Ladies and gentlemen, it is unnecessary for me to say that we are about to have the pleasure of listening to a few remarks from the Honorable Gabe Izzent of Hackasack, Florida, the only man in the United States who has never had a vice-presidential boom."

DEAD LUCKY.

MULRY—"McCarthy 's bin married six months an' has gray hair already."
RAFFERTY—"Well, he's lucky to hov any hair at all."

FERD SCLOFFERINSKY'S CONFESSION.

UPON the fiddle all the day,
And sometimes all the night,
I with my finest vigor play,
And quickly put to flight

The grim mosquitoes as they file
The air in manner gay
About my little domicile
In Morristown, N. J.

I'm worth my weight in gold because
I make the skeeter scoot,
And more than spike his hungry jaws
And beat the burning boot

In swiftly knocking him awry;
And so I shout "Hooray!
No skeeter 's fiddle-proof when I
A fugue from Wagner play."

CANARD DISPROVED.

THE Kentucky delegation is assembled in the corridor of the Wadditorium hotel, when a facetious Michigander seeks to make merry at their expense. Calling to a passing bell-boy, he says,

"I suppose you have been kept pretty busy since all these Kentuckians came to the house?"

"No busier than usual, sir."

"Why, don't they keep you rushing every morning bringing drinks to their rooms when they get up?"

"No, sir," replies the boy courteously, while the Kentuckians smile approvingly.

"You don't mean to say that they don't drink?" asks the Michigander.

"No, sir. They don't go to bed."

UNANSWERABLE.

KELLY—"Shure, Pat, you're too full to walk home. Git on a throlley-car."

RYAN—"Faith, if Oi can't shtand oop on a soidewalk, how th' divil could Oi shtand oop in a throlley-car?"

COMMERCIALISM.
The limit.

THE OTHER SIDE OF IT.

"NO, JAKE," said the ward-heeler; "I can't put up any more stuff for you. You went against me last fall, after you had my money. The trouble with you is you won't stay bought."

"You're wrong, Pete," argued the honest voter. "The trouble ain't with me. Seems as if my vote was so blamed contrary it won't stay sold."

HER PREFERENCE.

SHE blushed and murmured, "As to men,
A number have come to my ken.
For instance, I'm afraid of them
If they too often mutter 'Dem';
And, too, unless they straightly step,
I fear they have a wicked Rep.
But all my doubts of mankind stop
Whenever I meet with a pop."

HIS OBJECTION.

First tramp—"I'm afraid Roosevelt 's goin' ter have a walkover."

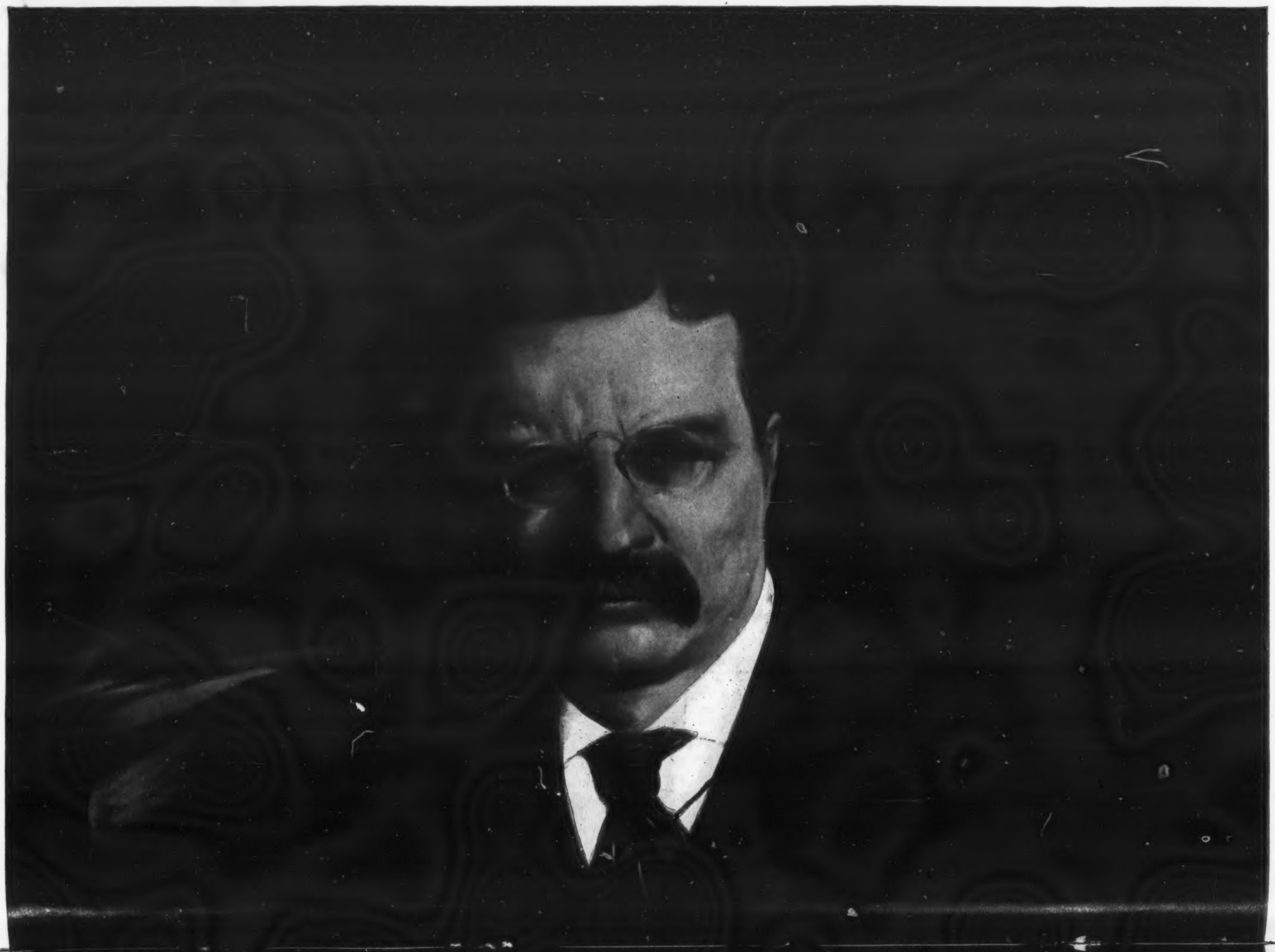
Second tramp—"Is yer opposed to him?"

First tramp—"'Tain't so much dat; but when anybody 's got a walkover de price uv votes goes down."

A GOOD SUBSTITUTE.

WRECKED FISHERMEN—"If ve dot boat didn't bust dot breeze vud took us to-day by Amsterdam."

"Vot's der matter mit dem vooden shoes yet?"



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Theodore Roosevelt

AT THE BAR.

THERE was a political fixer,
Who met a political mixer.
"I need," said the fixer,
"While fixing a mixer,
A politic brand of elixir."

SPOILED HIS STORY.

"SIR," says the dignified stranger, walking into the office of the chief of police of Chicago during convention week, "I have a complaint to register against your men."

"What is it?" politely asks the chief.

"They are too officious. Before coming here I had heard a great deal about the dangers of life in this city, but whenever two footpads try to hold me up an officer steps from the shadows and arrests them. When a pickpocket gets his hand on my watch an officer nabs him; when a restaurant man overcharges me, or a cabman tries to skin me, an officer is on the scene and readily adjusts matters. And so it goes."

"Well, I certainly can't see where you have any complaint?" said the chief.

"Can't? Why, how the dickens am I going to put any tinge of interest and excitement in the story of my visit to Chicago if this thing keeps up?"

MIKE'S CONCLUSION.

PAT (*stopping to listen*)—"An' phat do ye call *thot?*"
MIKE—"Faix, thot moosht be phat is called a *jewett.*"

SQUELCHED.

THE Democratic leader has drifted into Chicago to see what his friends the enemy are going to do, and he gets into a discussion of coming political events.

"My opinion," he declares, "is that our party will decide to stand on the platform of 1896."

"Huh!" chuckles a listener. "Almost everybody in the United States sat down on that platform in '96 and 1900."

1.
"Golly! heah comes somebody. I'll hide in de million-vines."

2.
"Dar's nuffin' like watahmillion. I'll snatch dis one an' run.——

3.
——Wow! It am alive!"

4.
BOTH—"Hoodooed!"

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"But, mom," protested the boy, "I'm kinder 'fraid they're too tight under the arms."—*Philadelphia Press.*

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"Well," she said sorrowfully, "we lost."

"How?" asked the neighbor.

"Why, we mortgaged the house to put Mamie in society, and she didn't marry a man rich enough to pay off the mortgage."

Thus it will be seen that speculation is not confined to the business world.—*Chicago Post.*

Tom (at the lunch-counter)—"Pretty tough doughnuts, these."

Dick—"One good thing about them, though."

Tom—"And what's that, for heaven's sake?"

Dick—"The hole—that part you don't have to chew, you know."—*Boston Transcript.*

Drives away care, lends buoyancy to the spirits and strength to the body—Abbott's Angostura Bitters.

Robert—"Has your wife much curiosity?"

Richard—"Oh, an awful lot. If I began to tell her what you told me standing on this corner, she wouldn't hear a word of what you said until I told her what corner we were standing on."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Gritty George—"No, mum; I cannot tell a lie. Once I was a great gambler. Now, can't yer help a truthful man like me?"

The lady—"Yes, my poor man! Here is a pack of cards."—*Chicago News.*

FOOD FACTS.

WHAT AN M. D. LEARNED.

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Jimmie—"He laughed when another boy swung our old cat by the tail."

Mamma—"Who was the other boy?"

Jimmie—"Me."—*Albany Journal.*

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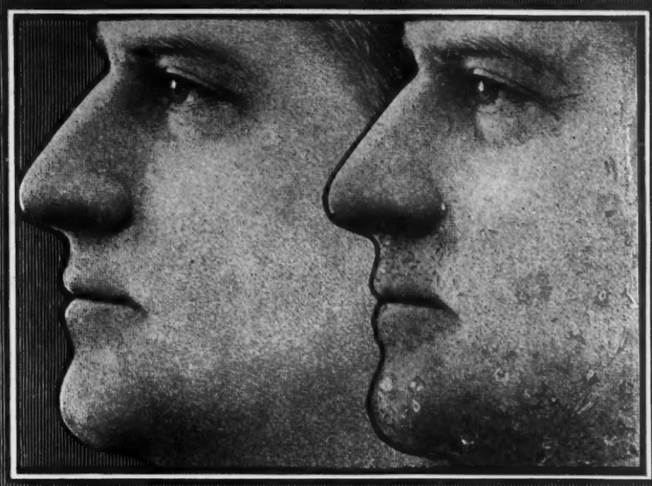

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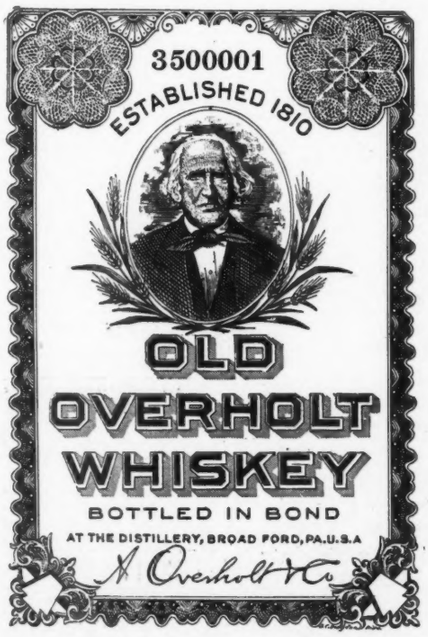

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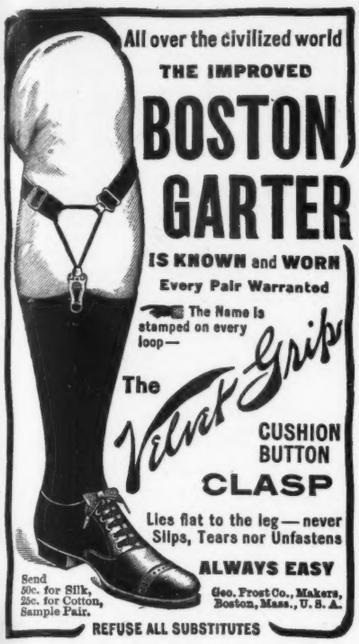
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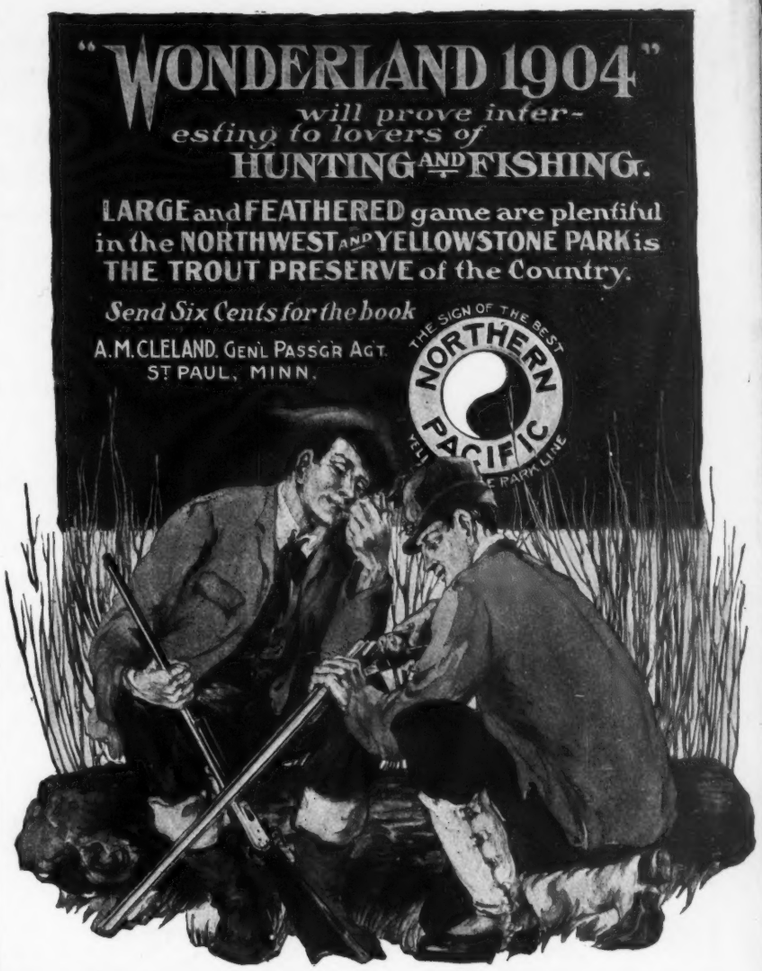
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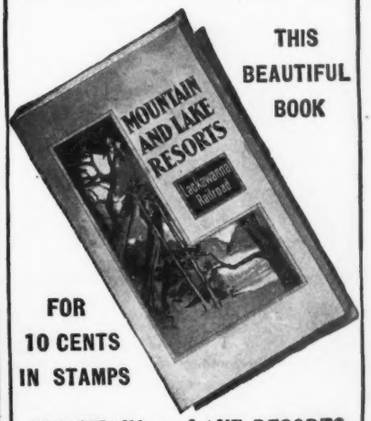

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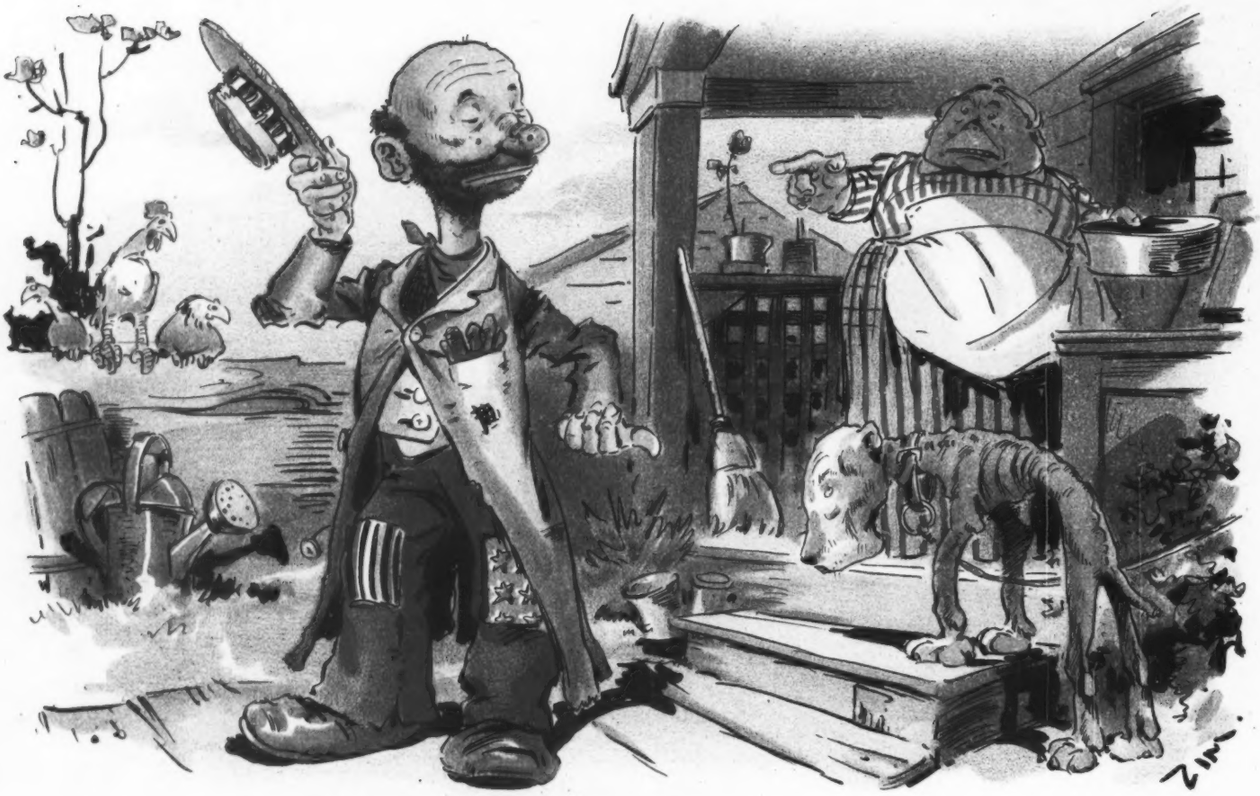

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